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allotted, there is nothing to prevent His Excellency from allotting fresh days for the Malabar Tenancy Bill if it becomes fit for further discussion. Then we shall have more days."

III

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

The Secretary laid on the table copies of the statement[a] of resolutions passed in the Council during the last two sessions and action taken thereon by the Government.

With reference to the answer given to a supplementary question to question No. 225 at the meeting of the Council held on 2nd March 1925, the Secretary laid on the table a copy of G.O. No. 73,[b] Judicial, dated 12th February 1925, on the Report of the Special Officer on the reorganization of the Armed Reserves in the Presidency.

IV

THE ANDHRA UNIVERSITY BILL.

The discussion on the Andhra University Bill was resumed.

* Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—"Mr. President, Sir, it may perhaps at the very outset, look very strange that a person who does not possess any intimate knowledge of the conditions in Andhradesa should rise to speak a few words on this Bill. So far as the discussion has gone, two Tamilians have raised their voice of protest against this Bill. If it is permissible for some Tamilian Members of this House to speak against the Bill, such privilege may also be claimed by other Tamilians who are inclined to give their support to this Bill. I do not desire that any impression should exist, either here or elsewhere, that the Tamilian Members of this House are opposed to this Bill. It is with a view more to disabuse the House of that impression, to drive out any such erroneous impression that I feel myself called upon to rise and offer a few remarks on the features inherent in this Bill. In the course of the discussion, one or two hon. Members from the Ceded districts were up in revolt against this Bill, because they had a fear of being yoked to the Andhra University Bill. That argument of theirs seems to proceed upon the impression which the previous speakers and the hon. the Minister for Education left on their minds in regard to the location of the university centre. If I understood the speech of the Minister for Education aright, in view of certain importance that he attached to Vizagapatam, the impression left upon my mind and upon the minds of others as well was that he has in mind Vizagapatam; and the distance between Vizagapatam and Ceded districts which are much nearer to Madras, seems to have necessarily provoked a chorus of opposition from the Ceded districts which seem to have a partiality to Madras on account of its proximity. In view of the fact that the hon. the Minister for Education gave us an assurance yesterday that he has kept his mind perfectly open on the matter, I hope and trust that he will try to overcome this opposition and meet these difficulties by reviewing the situation and, if possible, by hitting upon a more central, more convenient and more inviting place. It seems to me that the opposition, so far as it has proceeded, was directed more against the location of the university than against its formation.

a Printed as Appendix VI on pages 546–547 infra. b Printed separately.